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2. Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-10 to read as follows:

This is a continuation application of U.S. application serial no. 09/363,017 filed July 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,116,453, which is a continuation of 08/793,751 filed ~~June 11, 1997, now Patent No. 5,964,367~~ ^{filed September 12, 1995 and} ~~September 12, 1995 as the National Phase of PCT/EP95/03586, now U.S. Patent 5,964,367,~~ which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial no. 08/283,695 filed August 1, 1994, now U.S. Patent 5,593,060, which is a continuation application of U.S. application serial no. 08/049,722, filed April 20, 1993, now abandoned.

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3. On page 9, after line 7, please add the following paragraph:

--Fig. 6a shows a profile of the upper barrel edge seen in Fig. 6 and represents the delineations of various portions of the upper barrel edge.--

4. On page 15, after line 2, please add the following paragraphs:

--As seen in Fig. 6, the upper barrel edge includes a first wall portion 27 extending substantially radially outwardly from the barrel sidewall, and a second wall portion 29 having a lower section 31 adjacent the first wall portion 27 with at least an inner edge 27a of the first wall portion 27 extending radially inwardly of the entire second wall portion 29. The upper barrel edge 28 also includes an exterior rib 40 which projects radially outwardly beyond an outward extent of the first and second wall portions, the rib having both an upper surface and a lower surface and terminating in a free end surface connecting the two.

Fig. 6a has the identical profile of the upper barrel edge 28 of Fig. 6 and presents the delineations of the first portion 27, the second wall portion 29 and the exterior rib 40. As depicted in Fig. 6a, the second wall portion 27 constitutes that portion of the upper barrel edge 28 that is above an uppermost portion of the rib 40. As also seen in Fig. 6a, the first wall portion 27 constitutes that portion of the upper barrel edge 28 that is: (a) above a level of the radially innermost portion of the barrel's upper sidewall, (b) below the second wall portion 29 and (c) radially inward of the rib 40 to which the first wall portion 27 is connected...